

United States of America, we thank you Capt. Paul A. Fortunato, and the rest of the brave participants in this heroic and spectacular rescue mission.

America is infinitely proud of you, and forever grateful.

#### EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to exchange my 5-minute special order with that of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS].

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE AMERICAN SAMOA AND GUAM INTO THE EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD], to introduce a bill to include the U.S. territories of American Samoa and Guam into the Expedited Funds Availability Act.

Mr. Speaker, for as long as I have been doing my banking in American Samoa, getting access to funds represented by checks drawn on banks outside of American Samoa has taken literally weeks. Banking customers throughout the United States had similar problems, and in response Congress passed the Expedited Funds Availability Act in 1987. The 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were included in the act, but the territories of Guam and American Samoa were not.

While Guam and American Samoa are still the most distant territories, billions of dollars now move daily around the world at close to the speed of light.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of years ago the Samoans and the Micronesians carried their currency across vast expanses of open ocean in heroic voyages in wind-driven canoes made of hollowed logs. I have sailed part of the Pacific Ocean in a double-hull Polynesian voyaging canoe called the Hokuleian from Tahiti to Hawaii for 28 days, and I think I could have carried my currency in stones from one port to another faster than funds are now being made available by the Banks in American Samoa and Guam. This is the 95th year of this country, and I hope the banks in the Pacific will enter this century before the rest of us move on to the next one.

I ask that a copy of the bill be printed in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

H.R.—

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 602(20) (12 U.S.C. 4001(20)) by inserting “, located in the United States,” after “ATM”;

(2) in section 602(21) (12 U.S.C. 4001(21)) by inserting “Guam, American Samoa,” after “Puerto Rico,”;

(3) in section 602(23) (12 U.S.C. 4001(23)) by inserting “Guam, American Samoa,” after “Puerto Rico,”; and

(4) by adding at the end of section 603(d) (12 U.S.C. 4002(d)) the following new paragraph:

“(3) EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN DEPOSITS IN GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any time period established under subsection (b), (c), or (e) shall be extended by 2 business days in the case of any deposit which is both—

“(A) deposited in an account at a depository institution which is located in Guam or American Samoa; and

“(B) deposited by a check drawn on an originating depository institution which is not located in the same State as the receiving depository institution.”.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members are recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING PAGES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. EMERSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as chairman of the Page Board, to advise my colleagues that today marks the end of the school year for our pages and those who are here with us today, the pages here with us today, will be replaced over the weekend by a new group of pages who will be with us for the summer.

For those who may be unfamiliar, we have school year pages and we have summer pages, so this is to advise that the pages who are here today will not be here on Monday, and, second, Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the very wonderful group of young people who have served throughout this past school year. Not all of them have served the whole year. Some of them have served only this last semester, but whether it is for the whole year or the whole semester, they have rendered distinguished service, and I do not want their parting to be unnoted.

Mr. Speaker, I am inserting at this point in the RECORD a list of all the pages who have served here in the spring of 1995.

The list follows:

#### DEPARTING PAGES—SPRING 1995

Maria Grace Abuzman, Paulette M. Adams, Seth A.G. Andrew, Angela S. Armstrong, Kathryn L. Ballintine, Alison J. Bell, Rebecca A. Belletto, Joanna L. Bowen, Kirk D. Boyle, Tamara L. Brewer, Nancy M. Brim, Erin C. Carney, Carolyn A. Cassidy, Erin A.

Coker, Todd D. Connor, Richard A. Consul, Keegan B. Cotton, Mary K. Derr, Courtney M. Duncan, and Tristan A. Durst.

Joseph F. Eddy, Micheal D. Ellison, Tatum C. Evans, Kristin M. Francis, Robert C. Gates, Rebecca M. Geraci, Jennifer C. Gerard, Carolyn J. Gereau, William J. Heaton, Joseph R. Hill, Erica L. Hogue, Anna M. Holder, Molly K. Hooper, Sarah C. Jackson, Francie J. Julien, Kathleen A. Kelly, Karly A. Kevane, Deborrah L. Kinirons, Lisa N. Konitzer, and Ross C. Maradian.

Rene Marcano, Katharine J. Mills, Abigail M. Moon, Kristina M. Motulewicz, Joel T. Niedfeldt, John S. Parker, Jeffrey A. Pojanowski, Kathleen E. Quinlan, Alison J. Rabb, Lindsay E. Rosenfeld, Marianne E. Royster, Vanessa M. Ruggles, Nick T. Ryan, Timothy P. Scharf, Allison M. Sessions, Serena M. Sherrell, Tatiana I. Sohrakoff, Jennifer T. Sontag, Kelle L. Stanforth, Joshua K. Stello, Todd J. Stonewater, Xaviera M. Vanegas, Brooke E. Wagner, Matthew R. Williams, and Calvin W. Winchester.

Mr. Speaker, it may interest my colleagues, if you do not know it, although I am very proud to talk about this, and it may interest the pages if they do not know it, that I am the only sitting Republican in the House of Representatives who was actually here the last time we Republicans controlled the House.

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I was not a Member at that time. It was as a page that I served here in the 83d and the 84th Congresses, and I want to say also that I have always—I have long regarded, since I underwent the experience, that having been a page was probably the finest, most objective, educational experience of my life. I've said many, many times that you learn as a page by doing and observing and participating and that is just an awfully lot different than reading about it in the textbooks.

So I hope to the pages—let me say I hope that this experience has been as meaningful to you as it was for me, and I wish all of you, and I know I do this on behalf of the entire House, I wish all of you well in your life's endeavors.

Some of you will be going off to college, others to the military, perhaps others to other things. But I hope this experience has served you well, will be a constant point of favorable reflection throughout your life and that you will have much success and happiness and good health in all of your undertakings.

So from me on behalf of the House to all of our department pages, “God bless you and Godspeed.”

Let me at this time yield to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER].

Mr. DREIER. I thank my very good friend, the former page from Cape Girardeau, MO, for yielding to me, and I would like to first extend to him hearty congratulations for his stellar service. He served in the last Republican Congress, and we certainly hope that these pages on the Republican side who have blazed a trail will not follow the precedent that my friend from Cape Girardeau established in seeing the